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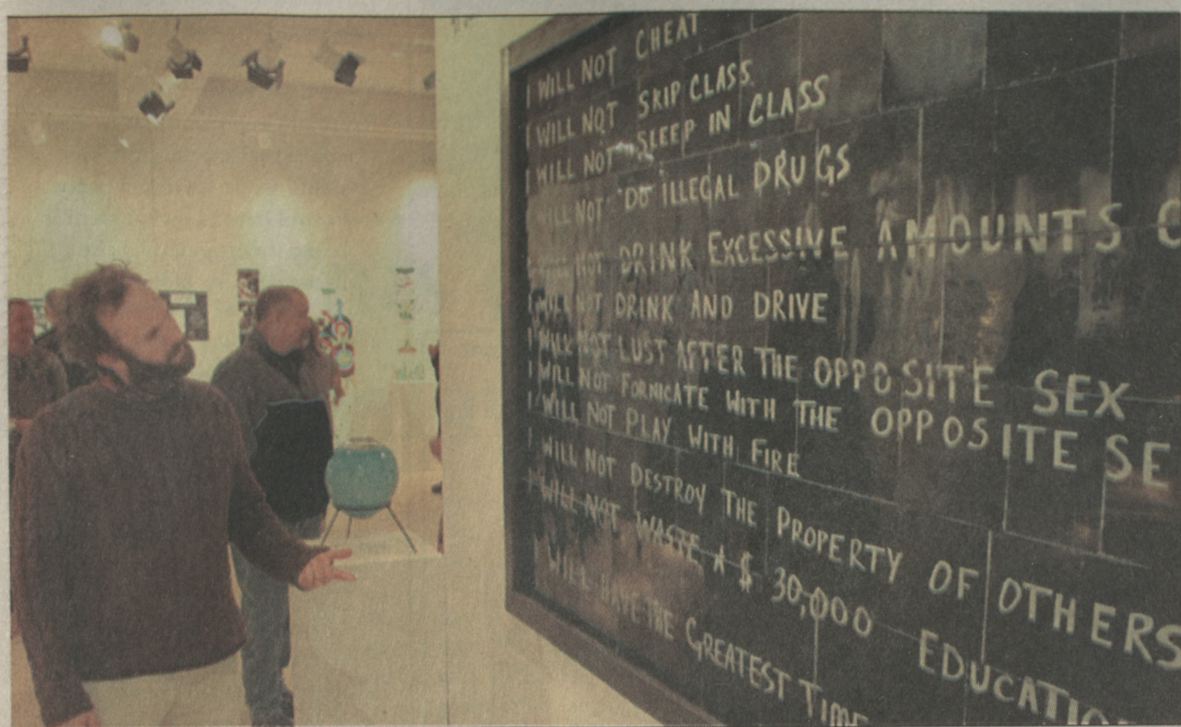
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Senior Art Show delivers new perspective



Patrick Morris photo

Poet Will Patton admires student artwork at the President's Award reception for the Senior Art Show on Friday, Dec. 4, in the Fulton Hall University Gallery. The show will continue Thursday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Linda Morales is welcomed as Interim Chief Diversity Officer

By Jacqueline Miller
Staff Writer

Salisbury University welcomed Linda Morales last week as the most recent member of the campus community. She began her first day as the Interim Chief Diversity Officer on Dec. 4. Morales brings with her comprehensive knowledge and experience with diversity on college campuses to SU.

"I have worked at a highly selective multicultural public university in the past, and Salisbury's fine academic profile and national rankings are very similar to what I am accustomed to," said Morales. "I am very excited about joining the Salisbury leadership team."

Morales comes from a comprehensive background dealing with diversity issues at various college campuses, most recently working at the College of Southern Maryland where she served as Executive Director of Diversity and Equal Opportunity. She also held the position as Founding Director of the Multicultural Resource Center at the State University of New York at Binghamton University for nine years prior to coming to Maryland.

"Ms. Morales has a strong commitment to diversity and wide-ranging experience on diversity issues working with students, faculty and staff," said SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "She will provide the vision and strong leadership needed to enhance

our diversity efforts across campus while assisting the University in extending its reach nationally and internationally as we strive to attract a more diverse student body, faculty and staff."

The position of Interim Chief Diversity Officer has been vacant for over a year due to budget restrictions, with Clacie Hubbard taking over most of the responsibilities since June 2008 while continuing her position as administrative assistant in the Diversity Office. With Hubbard taking and extended leave from the University until February, it was necessary to fill the position in order to keep the Office of Diversity functioning.

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Sheriff's Office and SUPD host seminar, share safety tips

By Vanessa Junkin
Editor in Chief

"We want to make this the safest community possible for everybody here," Wicomico County Sheriff Mike Lewis said to residents of Wicomico County and SU students during a brief introduction to the Community Crime Prevention Seminar.

First Sergeant Tim Robinson of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and Sergeant Eric Trader of the Salisbury University Police Department held the seminar in the Nanticoke Room of the GUC on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

When discussing personal safety, Robinson and Trader stressed that people should be aware of their surroundings. Other tips included that there is safety in numbers and that it is smart to stay in a well-lit, conspicuous area.

"You are less likely to be a victim if you're in a group of people," Robinson explained. "Yes, it could still possibly happen, but the criminal element is going to prey on the weak."

Trader added that if students are uncomfortable walking alone to or from SU within a mile range of campus, the SUPD provides a 24-hour escort service. He also noted after the seminar that SU is working on a campus security project to install cameras to provide surveillance covering the campus by next fall. He said the first phase will start in the spring.

Robinson and Trader had additional suggestions for the holiday shopping season. These included not carrying much cash, not putting wallets in back pockets and keeping purses secure. Robinson also said that carrying too many bags can

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Leslie Davis photo

1st Sgt. Tim Robinson talks about safety tips for the holiday shopping season during the Community Crime Prevention seminar.

First-ever Salisbury Madness event put on to support men's, women's basketball teams

By Laura Dignan
News Editor

The first-ever Salisbury Madness event, DJ'ed by WXSU and sponsored by the National Broadcasting Society and SU-TV, took place Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9 p.m. in Maggs Gym to increase the fan base and spread the word about the team's upcoming season.

"The purpose of the event is to show our teams that we appreciate their hard work representing SU," said Matt Solomon, President of NBS and Vice President

of SU-TV.

The SU Poms Dance Team began the event, followed by a film introduction of the women's basketball team that Solomon made. The video showcased the hard work the women's team puts into their practices and what the athletes expect to get out of this season, including winning the Capital Athletic Conference and simply having fun.

Katie McGahagan, K.C. Curran, Chante' McKinney and Glen Charlton, members of the women's team, participated in a

three-point shooting contest. In the first round, each competitor had one minute to make as many baskets as possible. One point was given for each ball and the last ball counted as two points. McGahagan and Charlton moved onto the second round of play where, again, each had one minute to make as many baskets as possible and Charlton took the win with over 20 points scored.

Head Coach Charisse Mapp and her team then demonstrated a drill they use in practice and to prepare for games.

After the SU cheerleaders next took the floor, two fans were chosen to compete in a free-throw contest at each end of the court. The fans had one minute to make as many free-throw baskets as possible and the first round ended in a deadlock, 3-3. Annie Politsch took the win in the second round, beating out her opponent 9-6. Her prize was a basketball autographed by the SU women's team. Each competitor also received a coupon for a free sandwich from the Gull's Nest.

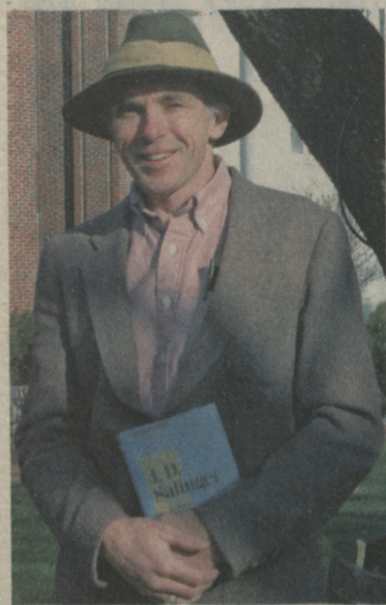
SU-TV aired another film intro-

duction, this time of the men's basketball team before they showed off their own drills on the court. Seniors talked about their strengths as a team and what they hope to achieve throughout the year. Head Coach Steve Holmes hopes the nice mix of newcomers and veterans on the team will get them far.

SU swimmer Lindsay Southworth attended the event and liked watching her fellow athletes. "I enjoyed Salisbury Madness. I got a free Sammy bobblehead,"

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Gettysburg Review issue to include essay by Wenke



Dr. John Wenke

By Zachary Parker
Copy Editor

Dr. John Wenke's manuscript, "Tribal Bloods," is among the two percent of submissions published in the Gettysburg Review.

The winter 2009 issue of this prominent literary journal, will feature Wenke's essay, which he said explores "why people get worked up over sports teams."

"I think [getting worked up over sports teams is] a symptom, rather than a cause of something that is more profound and elemental in the human life, and I think that has to do with our identification not simply as individual but really as part of a tribal collective," he said.

"Part of the purpose of the article was to explore that."

While the essay talks about people excited about sports teams, it is really an exploration of something bigger than that. It is an exploration of the tribal connections, we as humans, experience, Wenke explained.

"It is sort of halfway between literary scholarship and narrative fiction," he said. "It is caught in that nether world called creative nonfiction."

Wenke's piece combines flash fiction — micro-stories — and non-fiction to drive home his point.

The first part of his story uses flash fiction to tell about a "Neo-Goldwater Republican" named Michael Marlow. Like Marlow,

Wenke is an Eagles fan.

This is followed by other flash fiction stories of other sports fans, such as Shawn Quirk, who was based on one of Wenke's friends, and Harry Hanratty. After this, there is first-person nonfiction, where Wenke explores his own life.

His essay is a "tongue-in-cheek jab at academics who want to reject things that are primal," he said. "In the same way we can reject other things that are important like family ... like religion ... like cultural heritage."

He calls these acts of rejection "acts of conscious egotism."

Wenke's article focuses on the need for connectedness among human beings.

He said people tend to worship individualism, but "people who are out and out individualists tend to be more or less unhappy and disconnected. On the other hand, if you have a zero, you simply identify with the mass, then you are also nobody. I think the tribal metaphor, or fact depending on how you want to look at it, is simply true in terms of our relation to what we are as spiritual, and psychological and material persons. [The tribe] is kind of a halfway position between being the heroic individual superman and then simply being an integer dissolved in the mass."

Sports provide a safe way to ex-

SEE Wenke Pg. 2

Briefly Stated

New Bar Opens in Salisbury
Gully's, a new bar owned by a recent Salisbury grad, will host a grand opening on Friday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. The bar is located where The Bottle Factory used to be, 733 Roland Street in Salisbury, but the building has been renovated and redecorated. Happy Hour is held from 3-7 every day and includes food and drink specials, 20 different kinds of wings, burgers and appetizers. Regular bar hours will be Monday-Friday 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday noon to 2 a.m. and Sunday noon to midnight.

RSO Fantasy Draft

The RSO Fantasy Draft will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Wicomico Room of the GUC. This is for all organizations: recognized, de-recognized, Greeks, and club sports. If clubs want to hold any type of event next semester including fundraisers and organizational meetings, they can reserve rooms at the event. There will be free food and professional event planning consultation.

H1N1 Clinic

Student Health Services will be conducting a free H1N1 vaccination clinic on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. The clinic is open to faculty, staff and students who fall into these priority groups: pregnant women, caregivers of children less than six months of age, individuals from six months of age to 24 years (even if healthy) and adults aged 25-64 who have medical conditions.

Stress Free in the GUC

Feeling stressed? Students can come to GUC all week to enjoy free events to get their minds off of papers, projects and finals. On Tuesday, Dec. 8, there will be yoga from 2-3 p.m. in the Spirituality Room and a FIFA Tournament at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. On Wednesday, Dec. 9, yoga will be held from 4-5 p.m. in the Spirituality Room and a Fireside Holiday and Spontaneous Art Night from 7-9 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. Thursday, Dec. 10, yoga will take place from 7-8 p.m. in the Spirituality Room and there will be a massage therapist from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the gaming area of GUC.

"Better Without You" Concert

The band "Better Without You" will perform on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m. in the Wicomico Room. They are a rising band and have a few songs on the radio. AST hosts this pop rock band.

IT Lab Hours

The TETC computer labs (TETC 110 A and B and TETC 116 A and B) will be open during the end of the semester 24 hours now through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. On Dec. 11, computer labs in DH 205, HS 150 and GC 133F will close at their normal time and not reopen until the Spring 2010 semester. The TETC computer lab hours for finals week are 8 a.m.-midnight Dec. 14-17 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 18. The labs in BL 203, FH 142 and FH 145 are open during finals week 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Dec. 14-17 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 18.

Librarians Come to You

Feeling stressed about semester deadlines? Need last minute help with your assignments? During the week of Dec. 7-11, SU librarians will be available to assist you from 2-4 p.m. in the Guerrieri University Center Fireside Lounge, TETC and Henson Science Hall. As always, a librarian will be at the Research Help Desk in the library from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Salisbury Youth Orchestra

The Salisbury Youth Orchestra presents JS. Bach's Concerto for Three Violins in D Major during its annual winter concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen, the concert also features works by Brahms, Mascagni and Sibelius. Affiliated with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra since 1989, the Salisbury Youth Orchestra includes student musicians ranging from elementary school to high school seniors throughout the Eastern Shore. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and free for children under 12 and SU ID holders.

Statistics class presents survey results to Delegate Mathias

By Vanessa Junkin
Editor in Chief

SU students had the chance to share their opinions concerning a variety of national and state issues when Dr. Bob Barber's introductory statistics class released a survey via e-mail on Oct. 28.

After the 900 results came in — which accounts for about 12 percent of the SU student body — Barber's class worked on a statistical analysis of the information, which they presented to Maryland Delegate Jim Mathias at SU on Monday, Nov. 30.

Mathias said he was happy with the amount of participants who took the survey.

Mathias submitted the questions used in the survey, and he said that he appreciated the class's efforts during the project. Mathias said he is interested in learning from the data and will share the information if there is an opportunity.

"This is a great barometer, a great listening tool of the region and the state," Mathias said.

Barber said that the survey information presented to Mathias gives him valuable constituent input.

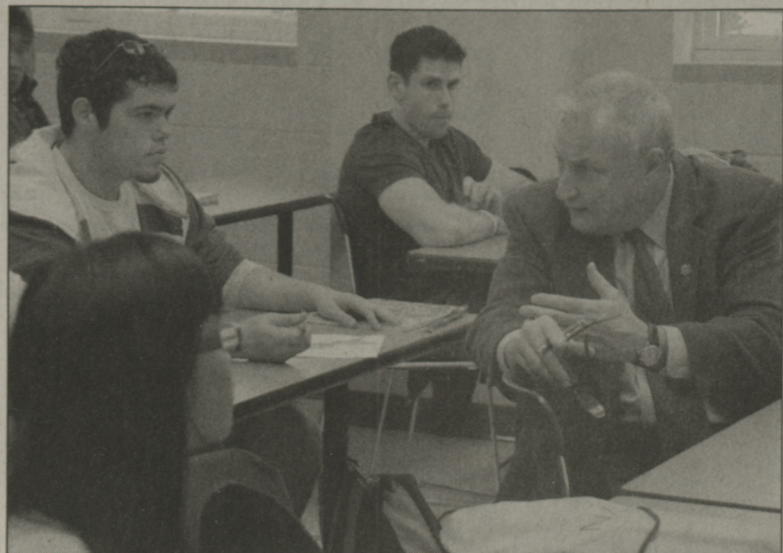
"Here, he had an opportunity to get a sample of students who are eligible to vote — and many do vote — from across the state," Barber explained.

From the results, Mathias said he was hoping to see students' thoughts on which issues are important.

Bradley Macpherson, a student in the class and the main spokesperson for the project, said, based on the data, the issue students seemed most concerned about was the economy.

Of the results, Macpherson and Barber both said they were surprised to see the high percentage of students that voted against abolishing the death penalty.

"That really did amaze me," Macpherson said of those results, because he expected SU students to answer with more of a liberal



R. L. Pusey photo

Delegate Mathias talks to students during his visit to SU on Monday. He came to hear the class' presentation of survey results.

Survey Results

State Questions

Legalize marijuana for any reason? 56 percent support

Legalize marijuana for medical reasons? 77 percent support

Three most critical issues facing the state? Unemployment, education, crime

Receive value from state taxes? 37 percent said yes

State moving in the right direction? 58 percent said yes

Expand gambling beyond slots? 66 percent said yes

Abolish the death penalty? 72 percent said no

Transfer Guantanamo prisoners to U.S.? 78 percent said no

Legalize gay marriage? 69 percent said yes

National Questions

Continue with the war in Afghanistan? 63 percent said no

Agree with bailing out GM and Chrysler? 65 percent said no

Agree with Stimulus Program? 52 percent said yes

Has stimulus program been effective? 69 percent said no

Congressional Representatives and Senators doing a good job? 57 percent said no

Three most critical national issues? 84 percent said economy

Agree with Public Option Health Plan? 52 percent said no

Results submitted by Dr. Bob Barber

slant.

Mathias noted that he was surprised at the high number of students who don't feel that they are benefiting enough from their state taxes, and he talked to students about some of the value that comes those taxes.

Barber said he likes using real data better than using made-up data or data from textbooks. He also said he thought it was good

that students were able to present to their client — Mathias — who responded to the presentation with some questions for the students.

Macpherson said that he learned about how to set up a statistical study, and he added that the project was fun.

"It was a tremendous learning opportunity for the students, in my opinion," Barber said.

Morales

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The campus has more than doubled the number of non-majority students on campus since 2000 and remains dedicated to making advancements in its institutional diversity goals.

The Diversity Office is responsible for supporting diversity within the University in effort to enhance the campus climate, curriculum and co-curricular activities. With a mission to guide diversity initiatives of the University in a manner that supports the educational benefits associated with maintaining a diverse campus community, the office works to uphold the fundamental values of the university.

Senior Adam Little said he went through a bit of a culture shock his freshman year at SU when he was first exposed to a variety of different backgrounds.

"It was cool meeting new people and getting a different perspective on things," Little said. "I think it helps [being in a diverse environment] because you become accustomed to working with different people."

Madness

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she said. "And being a student athlete myself, it was neat to see other student athletes' hard work. But I do think it needs to be organized a little better next year."

For a first-time gig, Solomon believes Salisbury Madness was a success and hopes in future years

it will only get better.

"The event went well," Solomon said. "We didn't have time to rehearse so we did have a few bumps in the road, but it went fairly smooth."

The women's next home game is Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. against Marymount University and the men's next home game is Jan. 4 against Virginia Wesleyan College at 7 p.m. in Maggs Gym.

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Crime Beat

11/18/09

11:57 p.m.

Drug Violation

Two students in Choptank Hall were found in possession of marijuana and a smoking device. Both were charged criminally. A copy of the officer's report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

11/20/09

1:45 a.m.

Off-Campus Assault

A student reported that he had been assaulted the previous evening while leaving a party on Perry Drive. This incident is being investigated by the Salisbury Police Department.

11/20/09-11/21/09

6 p.m.-11:45 a.m.

Attempted Burglary

Someone damaged an office suite door in Henson Hall in an apparent attempt to gain entry.

11/22/09

7:09 p.m.

Recovered Stolen Property

University Police recovered a stolen McDonald's restaurant sign from a student's room in Severn Hall. Police also seized a BB gun found in the room.

11/22/09

1:30 a.m.

Alcohol Related Illness/Underage Consumption

University Police were called to Choptank Hall in reference to an intoxicated student in need of medical attention. An ambulance transported the student to the hospital. A copy of the officer's report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs.

11/22/09

2:30 a.m.

Assault on Law Enforcement Officer

A University Police officer observed two intoxicated people behind Maggs. When the officer investigated, one of the men, an SU student, assaulted the officer. The student was arrested, and a copy of the officer's report was forwarded to Student Affairs for review.

11/25/09-11/26/09

2:52 p.m.-5:51 p.m.

Attempted Burglary

A University employee discovered tool marks on several Dogwood Village exterior doors. It appeared that someone may have attempted to burglarize the buildings. The incident is under investigation.

ESRGC and BEACON receive state broadband grant

By Gwen Ferrand
Staff Writer

The task of expanding broadband networks throughout Maryland has fallen to two Salisbury University organizations, creating a research opportunity never before available. The Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative and the Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network have received a \$540,000 grant through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program to create a broadband map for the state of Maryland, attempting to find areas with the weakest coverage.

With 192 different providers of broadband in Maryland, the

ESRGC will use spatial databases and information given by the providers to create a coverage map, said geography professor Dr. Michael Scott, ESRGC director.

The ESRGC is made up of faculty, sharing two members with BEACON, in addition to undergraduate students within the geography department.

"The Obama administration is about to spend \$10 billion in infrastructure, so a little bit should be put to figuring out where access is needed first," Scott said. "The challenge will be fixing a lot of the mistakes in the given information."

For example, the providers will give out customer information with addresses that may not be correct, so the teams will have

to figure out the correct zip codes and other information so it matches on the map.

Companies such as Verizon and Comcast will provide the ESRGC and BEACON with census block information, which includes customer locations and how much it will cost. As far as whether or not all of the providers will be cooperative, Scott says they will have to wait and see.

"Major lobbying groups made it so providers weren't forced to give us information," he said.

Ideally, the finished map would help the broadband providers reach more customers, and give the latter more options in coverage, Scott said. Some companies are worried about privacy as well as competitors know-

ing where their coverage really is or is not, he added.

"This positions us in the state as an important provider of services," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology, of the two-year long project's significance to SU. Olmstead stresses that the project is about more than just broadband, stating that leveraging the spatial data to support economic development is another positive outcome.

"This data could help people see where to best place their businesses."

"The future of broadband is critical to business and economic development on the Eastern Shore," added Dr. Richard Hoffman, interim Dean of the Perdue School of Business, through

which BEACON is sustained. While all areas of Maryland are being targeted, underserved locations such as rural Eastern Shore may have coverage but it could be unreliable or too expensive, Scott said.

For BEACON's part, they deal more with the social aspect of the project and less with the data, added Olmstead. BEACON and ESRGC have partnered with Towson University on the project, giving Towson the task of gathering the raw data while SU's organizations are in charge of mapping.

BEACON Director Dr. Memo Diriker said the project will elevate the importance of the Eastern Shore in deciding where information technology should be created in the future.

Students create YouTube advertisements for local resident's online business

By Meredith Meads
Staff Writer

Students in one of Sandy Hentschel's Marketing 330: Principles of Marketing and Management classes recently stepped out of the classroom to use real world technology and experience to advertise for products. The students were assigned projects to create video advertisements for products from the company Corporate Crap. The online store sells silly products for those who work in offices.

Six videos were published to YouTube advertising different products from the Web site. These included the Corporate Crap Survival Kit, laughing pens, and two gingerbread cookies in GingerCrap and GingerBoss varieties.

The class is comprised of junior and senior business majors. According to Hentschel, this

project teaches the skills they will need to use in the corporate world they will soon be entering.

"This project taught them a lot about today's market," Hentschel said. "Being able to use technology along with good marketing skills is key today in advertising products well. They learned how to use what they know about computers and technology and translate that into marketing."

Students also used media — digital video cameras and computer programs — to create their videos.

There was a competition for the best video among the six groups in the class. Overall, their videos received over 1,200 views. The most viewed was the advertising of the GingerBoss cookie. This simple product features a regular gingerbread cookie decorated to look like one's boss. In the video created, the students showed how employees could re-

lease their stress and anger at the boss by biting off the GingerBoss Cookie's head instead of attacking their real boss.

The winners of the competition received gift cards to Pat's Pizzeria in Salisbury and received praise from Corporate Crap owner Dick Van Gelder.

Van Gelder is a Salisbury native and alumni who is in the field of human resources. His resume describes his work as a humorist, life coach and motivational speaker to businesses. Corporate Crap strives to promote a good workplace environment.

According to the mission posted on the company's site, Corporate Crap wants to "put smiles back in the workplace with fun stuff and great counsel."

Van Gelder supports this idea and goes on to say on his site that he believes "happy people are productive people in profitable enterprises."



Submitted photo

Dick Van Gelder, owner of Corporate Crap, poses with the group whose YouTube video advertisement had the most views.

Hentschel feels that her students supported this idea in their work on the projects.

"All of my students had a great time with this project and you can

see it in their work. It was a great learning experience for them. It was fun and at the same time taught them a lot about marketing."

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Students and faculty shower Life Crisis Center with gifts

By Rosemary McCann
Staff Writer

Social Work Club members are working hard this holiday season to help those in need.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the club held their second annual "Baby Shower" in the TETC colonnade.

Attendees donated clothes, diapers, money and other baby items and stacked the items on and around two tables.

The club donated all proceeds to the Salisbury Life Crisis Center.

According to the LCC Web site, the center provides 24-hour support to adult and child victims of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault victims.

The LCC was founded in 1976 after a Salisbury woman was raped and wanted to start a program in the area to help other victims.

It began in Ocean City and moved to Salisbury, where it provides help to the Lower Shore, according to the Web site.

The LCC will continue accept-

ing donations through the Social Work Office.

Dr. Peggy McGuire, the advisor of the Social Work Club, estimated that some \$1,400 worth of goods and money had been donated.

"All semester we have been planning," sophomore club member Kelly Sorensen said. "We started over two months ago. It is a great cause."

She added that she hoped the community would do the same next year.

Junior Becky Weeks said she was amazed by the turnout and that she was not expecting so many people. She mentioned that she hoped there would be some interest, but that the amount they got was far beyond her expectations.

Junior and club member Ashley Bruns shared her surprise, and added that she couldn't believe how many donations they received. The three girls had been involved in the planning and execution of the Baby Shower, and all

three professed themselves very pleased with the reception of the event from the community.

Dr. McGuire added that it was a good lesson for the members of the club.

"We want our students to know that if they have a vision, it can work," she said. She also added that this event will continue to be held in future years.

"We know how difficult things are, and over the holidays [the women and young children at the LCC] don't have anywhere to go so this agency and this club does some wonderful things for them."

Ellen Williams, a senior who is not a member of the club but is involved in other volunteer programs on campus, also said she enjoyed the baby shower.

"It is extremely important for the community to come together to help others in the area. The social workers' program is always doing projects like this, which can give people hope, especially around the holidays," she said.



Bridget Kerner photo

Deborah Mathews, the founder of the Life Crisis Center, poses with Life Crisis Center Director of Domestic Violence Services Michelle Christopher-Parks at the Social Work Club's "Baby Shower" event.

house — the new stuff that you have and just got for Christmas," he said.

When people get items such as TVs, laptops or cell phones, Robinson said, it's important that they record the serial number in case the items are stolen.

"The better the information that you have to give us is the more likely you will receive your merchandise back [if it is stolen]," he explained.

Trader noted that SUPD offers an Operation ID service for registering items, and laptops can be registered online.

The importance of witnesses was emphasized.

"What you see can make the difference," Robinson said. "What you see could be the one puzzle piece that is needed to fix the puzzle and get the problem solved."

Their tips for witnesses included giving a license plate and vehicle description and describing the perpetrator with personal details they cannot easily change, like height,

weight or tattoos. Witnesses should write down what they see and call law enforcement as soon as possible.

Trader mentioned that to more easily remember a vehicle, people should relate it to something they would know or recognize.

Tips for victims include staying calm, telling law enforcement about the situation and keeping the scene of the crime as pure and untouched as possible.

After giving the safety tips, Robinson and Trader, along with Sheriff Mike Lewis, Salisbury University Police Chief Edwin Lashley and Wicomico County State's Attorney Davis Ruark, took questions for over an hour.

Attendee Terry Cohen, a member of the City Council who lives close to SU, said she appreciated that the law enforcement representatives took time to answer questions, even ones that strayed from the topic of crime prevention.

"I look forward to the neighbors and the officials and the law en-

forcement officers and the students all partnering together on this mutual goal of making this a safer place to be," Cohen said.

Tim Spies, President of the Camden Neighborhood Association, said communication about crimes and looking out for each other is important.

"A lot of students live in our neighborhood — probably 70 percent of the neighborhood is students — and it makes a big deal to us when we get victimized, and we want fewer people to be in that circumstance," Spies said.

While answering questions, Robinson and Lewis discussed Nixle, which is a quick way for people to get information and updates from law enforcement agencies. At www.nixle.com, community members can sign up to receive daily e-mail and text updates for more serious issues from the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office. The City of Salisbury offers the same service.

Lewis said there will be more ses-

sions like Tuesday's in the future.

"We are going to get very actively involved in informing our community on what we're doing to try to suppress criminal activity in our community, especially as it relates to this campus," he said.

Crime Prevention Tips

Submitted by SGA

-Lock your doors and windows.

-Take valuables home with you (i.e. laptop, mp3 player, camera, etc.). If they're not there, they can't be taken.

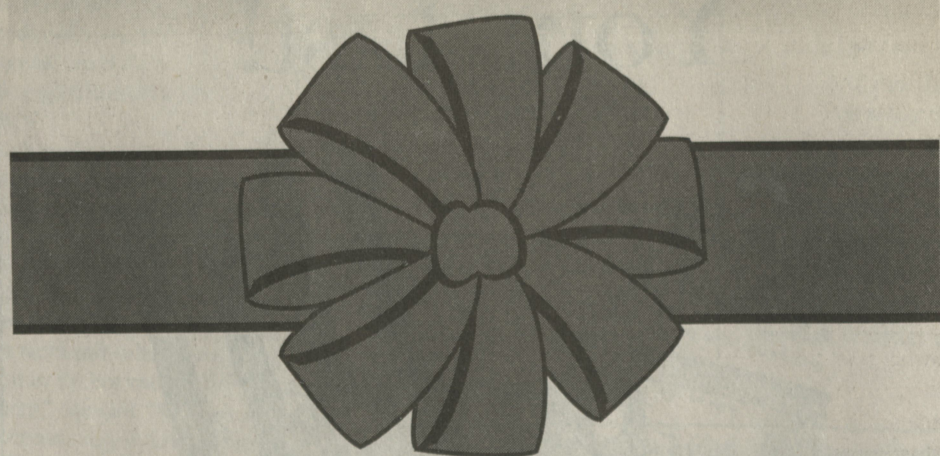
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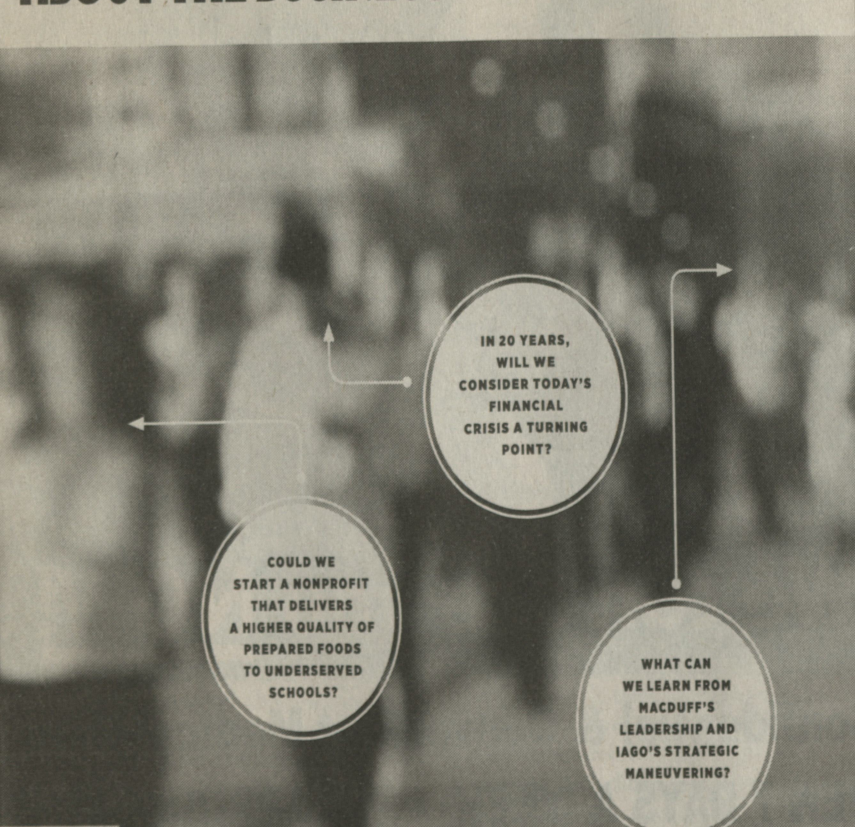
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Iran to expand enrichment of uranium

By Jeremy Riffle
Global Editor

Iran intends to increase how much it enriches its uranium and also plans to create 10 new enrichment sites. The announcement last week came as negotiations for Iran to allow Russia to enrich its uranium soured.

Under the new enrichment plan, Iran will enrich its uranium to 20 percent. An enrichment level of only 3 percent is needed for civilian nuclear power, which Iran claims it is pursuing. For use in nuclear weapons, uranium needs to be enriched to a level of 90 percent.

Iran has also declared that it will construct 10 additional uranium enrichment sites, though some experts have questioned whether Iran has the material capability to do so. It is claimed that the announcement was a response to the recent censure of Iran by the IAEA on Nov. 27.

The resolution, which passed 25-3 with six abstentions, was the first IAEA resolution against Iran to be passed in almost four years. It condemned Iran's secret development of a uranium enrichment site near the town of Qom and demanded an immediate halt to the project. The resolution passed with rare support from Russia and China, two countries that have typically opposed criticism of Iran's nuclear program. The only countries to vote against it were Cuba, Malaysia and Venezuela.

Ban on minarets in Switzerland passes, limits religious practices

By James Asuquo-Brown III
Staff Writer

On Nov. 29, Switzerland became the first European country to limit the religious practices of Muslims through referendum, with a ban on the construction of minarets on mosques passing with a 57.5 percent majority.

The ban, which goes into effect in a country that has only four mosques with minarets and no substantial issues with Islamist militancy, shocked the international community. Some Swiss fear the results will tarnish the country's image abroad, stifle investment and trade with the Muslim world and impede efforts to integrate a population of about 400,000 European Muslims from the Balkans.

Swiss Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf described the campaign to ban minarets as a "proxy war" for drumming up conflict between native-born Swiss and Muslim immigrants.

The vote raises the question of replication across Europe and voters having their say. European far-right parties have been seeing some success in recent times, running on Islamophobic and xenophobic platforms.

The far-right populist Swiss People's Party was the organizer of the referendum. The party

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has criticized Russia's support for the resolution, calling it "a mistake."

In reaction to Iran's planned expansion of its enrichment program, Western countries have warned Iran that it risks serious consequences if it follows through on its plans.

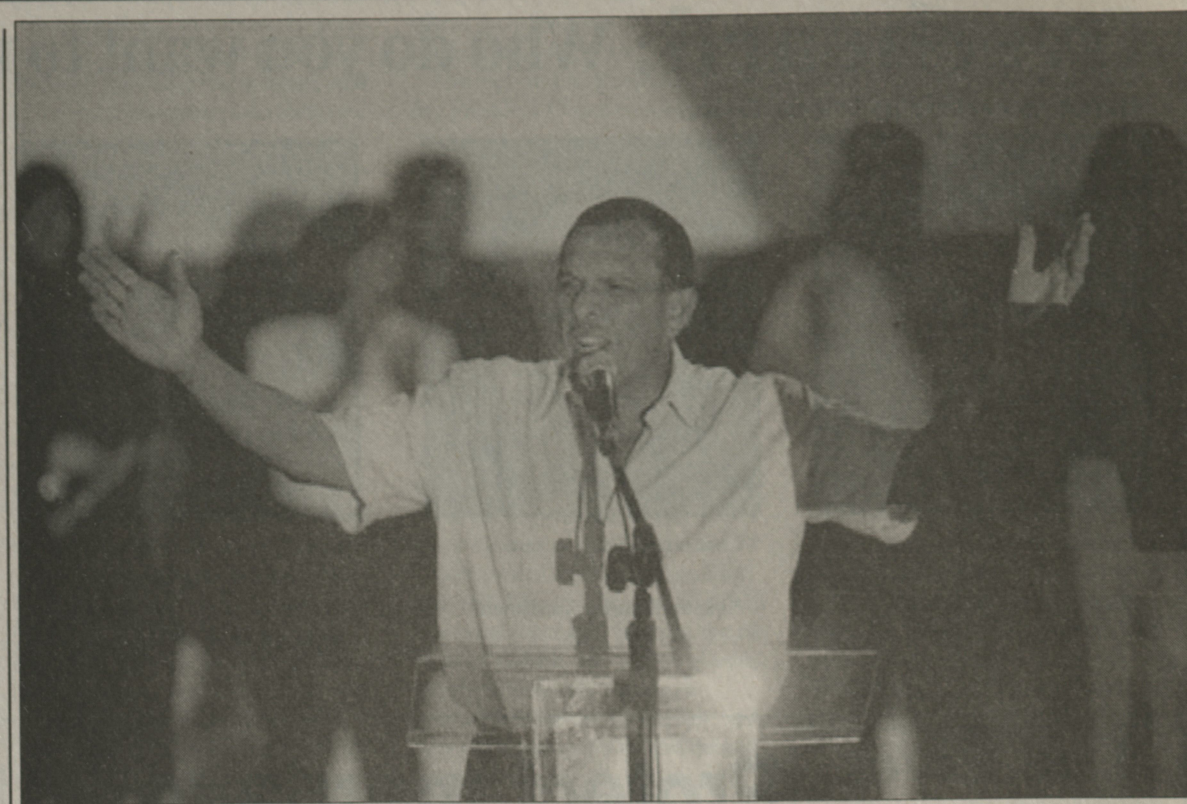
"We view the Iranian announcement, if it is in fact accurate and implemented... as completely inappropriate and further isolating Iran from the international community," said the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice.

The German foreign minister, Guido Westerwelle, said that "It is clear that if Iran rejects the outstretched hand of the international community, it must expect further sanctions."

The Israeli ambassador to the United Kingdom, when asked about the possibility of military action by the Jewish state, non-specifically called for "all options to be on the table."

Ongoing negotiations between Iran and the 5+1 group, consisting of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China) and Germany, to get Iran to hand over its uranium to be enriched by Russia hit a snag when Iran declared that it would only accept a simultaneous exchange of fuel within its own borders.

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Porfirio Lobo, National Party presidential candidate, waves to supporters during his victory speech in Tegucigalpa. He won 56 percent of the vote during Honduras' Nov. 29 election.

Honduras holds first election since June's coup

By Jeremy Riffle
Global Editor

A 60 percent turnout marked the Nov. 29 presidential election in Honduras, the first since a coup ousted President Manuel Zelaya in June.

Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo Sosa of the National Party won 56 percent of the vote, defeating both of the Liberal Party's candidates, interim president Roberto Micheletti, who was supported by the party's anti-Zelaya wing, and pro-Zelaya candidate Elvin Santos. Lobo had previously run for president in 2005, when he and his center-right National Party lost to Zelaya.

Zelaya has denounced the election as being illegitimate and has alleged that the coup regime inflated the turnout numbers.

"[Lobo] is going to be a very weak leader without recognition from the people and most countries," Zelaya told Reuters.

The United States has said that it would recognize the results of the election as legitimate.

"Significant work remains to be done to restore democratic and constitutional order in Honduras, but today the Honduran people took a necessary and important step forward," said State Department spokesman Ian Kelly.

Despite U.S. support for the election, several Latin American countries have responded to the election with apprehension and fear that recognizing the election would serve as a precedent for legitimizing coups in the region.

"There are still many nations, especially in Central America, in vulnerable political situations. Brazil therefore must not recognize nor rethink the Honduran question," said Brazil's president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

President Lula has also declared that Zelaya will be allowed to remain in Brazil's embassy in Honduras' capital city, Tegucigalpa, until adequate assurances have been made by the Honduran government that the deposed president would be protected. Zelaya has been living in the embassy

since September, when he secretly returned to his country after spending months in exile in Costa Rica.

Zelaya was expelled from office early in the morning on June 28 by the military after attempting to hold a referendum on whether the country's constitution should be changed. He was still wearing his pajamas when he was forced onto a plane to Costa Rica.

Critics of Zelaya have alleged that he was trying to remove the one-term limit in the constitution so he could be re-elected. Zelaya and his supporters have countered this with the argument that it would have been impossible to change the election before his term expires in January.

Lobo will become president on Jan. 27. He has appealed for reconciliation and has pledged to form a unity government.

"I am announcing a government of national unity, of reconciliation. There's no more time for divisions," the president-elect said.

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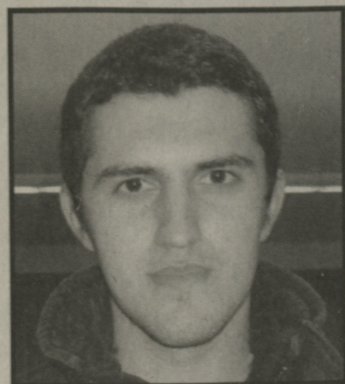
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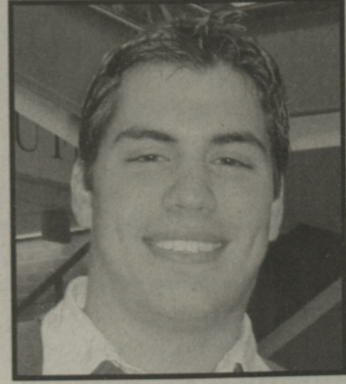
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- Kristin Thomas, freshman



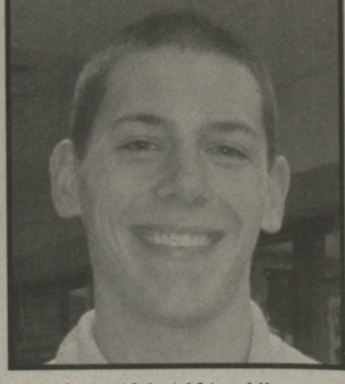
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- Jayna Harshman, junior



"Megan Fox in a Mrs. Santa outfit."

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- Paul Manly, junior

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Protect marriage from hetero couples

By Jeremy Riffle
Editorial Editor

"Till death do us part." These words, part of a traditional wedding vow, are not always followed by those who say such a pledge. In fact, nearly fifty percent of American marriages end in divorce. But one man is trying to change that. John Marcotte, who is still happily married to his first wife, is behind a petition in California that would demand a referendum on whether to ban divorce in that state (though annulments would still be legal). Marcotte was inspired by the passage of Proposition 8 last year, which banned same-sex marriage in California.

One would think that those who campaigned on behalf of Proposition 8 in order to protect the institution of marriage would be firmly in support of this petition, which would further protect the solemnity of marriage by making it nearly impossible to escape. Surprisingly, however, some of Prop 8's supporters are actually against the petition. Perhaps the fact that Marcotte is in favor of same-sex marriage and is using his petition to make a political statement has something to do with it.

Those who oppose same-sex marriage in order to defend traditional marriage should put their money

where their mouths are. Though it is intended as a political statement, this petition is the perfect opportunity to protect the sacred institution of marriage from the caprices of heterosexual couples, who, in addition to eviscerating marriage by tearing their homes apart, have made a mockery of it as well. There are an assortment of ways that heterosexual couples have demonstrated that they no longer take marriage seriously, such as being married by Elvis in Vegas; signing prenuptial agreements, "just in case"; and, if one takes the behavior of celebrities into account, being married for a few days, or even only a matter of hours, before seeking an annulment.

Marriage is important. Such a declaration cannot be attested to enough. It should be the most profound statement of love to commit yourself to someone else, to vow, solemnly, that you would stay with that person, support that person, love that person, through sickness, health, poverty and prosperity. That level of devotion, of affection, is immeasurably beautiful and truly sacred. Those who would protect the integrity of marriage from similar devotion between two people of the same sex should be willing to protect it from the disrespect given it by half of America's heterosexual couples. It should be clear what must be done. Protect marriage; ban divorce.

Anthropogenic global warming is a myth

By Chad Grills
Staff Writer

As the year comes to a close, new information continues to emerge regarding anthropogenic (man-made) global warming. All the "research" that universities and publically funded scientists have undertaken is just beginning to be scrutinized. The scrutiny came from an individual who hacked into the University of East Anglia's Climate Research Unit (CRU).

Sixty-one megabytes of data were hacked, revealing fraud, conspiracy and falsifying data to suggest global warming. This data shows leading scientists in this industry communicating openly about their research being manipulated. This data has prompted a series of inquiries to determine how many other climate scientists conduct research this way. Requests for information to be made publically available from NASA and other government agencies who acknowledge anthropogenic global warming is a small step in the right direction.

Yes, hacking into another's computer is illegal. Let us for a moment consider the environment that this hacking to get the truth occurred. We have a state-run media which doesn't present or report accurate

information. We have a government that funds climate studies to keep politically subservient "scientists" under thumb. The myth of anthropogenic global warming is needed by Democrats and the UN in order to keep the public in lockstep. Those who have no religion and no belief in God have clung to environmentalism as a pseudo-religion, with doubters labeled as heretics. The public has been fed information that insinuates a certain political party can save a world in distress. The reality is our world is not as fragile and delicate as these hacks claim. We have a chance for our populace to demand the truth regarding information that has been presented as fact. Any public organization that has claimed anthropogenic global warming is happening should be racing to get the "data" proving their conclusions true be made public.

The events of this year have shown that anthropogenic global warming is a myth. The time lag of information getting into the public's hands will be extended. Media outlets who wish to retain any credibility should report this climate scandal accurately and as it develops. If justice is served, one hacker may have been the tipping point to enlighten an otherwise unapprised general public.

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Discipline remains a problem in schools

By Tara Underwood
Staff Writer

A debate over punishing children too much is taking place in New York City. In 1998, New York put police in charge of public school security due to the higher dangers students face. Officials believe public schools are safe but juvenile advocates argue that children are arrested for behavior that could have been resolved by a principal and that over-policing is a problem.

Research has shown children who get suspended the most or arrested in public schools tend to drop out of school or become involved with criminal activity and the criminal justice system. Many of these students have learning disabilities or emotional problems.

A bill is being drafted that would require police and teachers, principals and guidance counselors to file a report to show how suspension and arrest affect minority children, children who have disabilities and other groups. The bill, the Student Safety Act, would show officers

why students were suspended or arrested in order for lawmakers to get an idea of why over-policing may be a serious problem.

The bill would also allow parents, students and teachers in the school system to file complaints against school security officers. Discipline has been meted out by school security officers for reasons as inane as talking back or not having a hall pass. What kind of punishment is necessary for something so minute?

There has been a correlation between students who are punished over and over again and committing crimes or having problems later on in life. Debate has also been called to attention over minority students being treated unfairly compared to Caucasian students. In both cases, school security officers are the ones who do the discipline and carry out the actions that affect students.

New York is trying to reform the disciplinary system in order to benefit students who are being treated unfairly—which could create value and importance.

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Being a college student doesn't leave me all that much money for going out and having a good time. I get bored with going to parties and would like to do something different on the weekends every once in a while. What are some activities I can do in Salisbury with my friends without spending a lot of money?

Salisbury offers a couple of fun activities that should not cost you and your friends too much money. The local bowling alley—Cherokee Lanes—offers discounts for college students who use their student ID, and Crown Sports Center offers laser tag for only \$7 a game. If you have a friend with a car, you can split the cost for gas, and take a road trip to Washington D.C., which is only two and-a-half hours away. You could walk around and visit the national museums for free. If you're looking to do something on campus, SOAP hosts movies every weekend and other events throughout the semester. You could also support an SU sports team at a home game or check out some of the cultural events the University offers.

I'm on a sports team here at Salisbury, and lately it has been taking up all of my time. I don't even enjoy the sport itself anymore, and I hate going to practices. I miss hanging out with my friends. I am also starting to fall behind in my work since the team takes up so much time. I don't want to quit the team and regret it, but right now I don't think I can handle things. Is there any way to make it work?

College sports do take a lot of time out of your schedule, but if the sports are interfering with your school work, you might want to reconsider your priorities. School work should always come first, so your problem might be a matter of better time organization and management. If you feel that your heart is really not in the sport anymore, then maybe consider seeing if there is an intramural or club team for the sport next semester. If you are still unsure about whether to quit, hold out a little longer until the season ends. Then decide if you want to do it again next year. If you are sure about quitting the sport altogether, it is best to go with your heart, and be a student first. Though it is later in the semester now, you might want to discuss your feelings with your coach and professors directly.

Afghanistan: Is troop surge the answer?

By Michael Piorunski
Staff Writer

Is sending 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan, a country lacking any notion of infrastructure and development, in the "vital national interest" of the United States, as President Obama stated in his speech at the Naval Academy in Annapolis last week to announce his administration's new Afghanistan War Strategy?

If the goal of the Obama Administration is not one of nation-building, but one of "dismantling al-Qaeda and its extremist allies," it seems as though our efforts—measured in civilian and military lives, taxpayer dollars and political capital—are misdirected.

As quoted on The Huffington Post, Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.) said on ABC's This Week that "Pakistan is perhaps the epicenter [of the al-Qaeda network], although al-Qaeda is operating all over the world, in Yemen, Somalia, northern Africa, and Southeast Asia."

Senator Feingold echoes the concerns of Prime Minister Gilani of Pakistan that "[the troop surge] will drive more extremists into Pakistan," as well as the concerns of many of his colleagues and American citizens that the goals of the troop surge are counter-intuitive and doomed to fail.

Al-Qaeda is a terrorist network, which acts much like a virus, or is "cancer spreading" in the words of President Obama. It thrives on disillusioned communities and weak nations to carry out its terrorist acts.

Take al-Shabab and other Islamic extremist groups in southern Somalia, extremism is able to prosper and fill a void where the national government cannot. The youth and younger generations, in their search for a raison d'être turn to Shabab and extremism for support, power and an opportunity to be a part of a movement. The same is true in countries like Morocco and Yemen, where the government capacity is weak, and extremism thrives and spreads in prisons and communities

where the younger generations are vulnerable and underserved. Although in his speech last Tuesday President Obama stated the "status quo is not sustainable," he is yet another president committing U.S. military forces and taxpayer dollars to support a corrupt and fraudulent Afghan government not committed to changing its ways, and with no motivation to do so. This is the status quo.

U.S. and NATO forces have been entrenched in an eight-year struggle to defeat al-Qaeda and the Taliban, and to prop up the Afghan government to "build" a nation where a democratic government can thrive. After the loss of thousands of Coalition and Afghan civilian lives, and with financial support from U.S. taxpayers for these efforts in the billions of dollars, the Afghan government still lacks any capacity to provide security for its citizens, and to govern transparently and democratically.

To fight the virus—or spreading cancer—that is extremism and al-

Qaeda, the Obama Administration must focus its efforts on the epicenter of virus, and establish an environment in which it cannot survive. Moreover it must leverage and utilize the resources and political will available to it to fight the disease in the areas to which it has spread. In the environment of corruption and cronyism in Afghanistan, where government responsibility and economic opportunities for its citizens are minimal, the cancer of extremism will continue thrive.

If eight years of engagement in Afghanistan has resulted in minimal progress towards the development of a stable and democratic nation, a boots-on-the-ground troop surge for an additional 18 months does not seem to be a means to an end to carry out a responsible transition of power and accomplish the goals President Obama has established.

Sometimes it's best to cut off support for the infected limb, and prevent the cancer from spreading to other parts of the body if continued efforts to save it have failed.

Letter to the Editor

SU alumnus shares experience as Peace Corps Volunteer

My entire life I considered becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer. It was a fixture on my list of options while I was attending Salisbury University before graduating in 2001. My father had been a PCV in Ethiopia, where he met my mother, so I grew up respecting and admiring the Peace Corps experience that has redefined our family.

About 80 percent of Peace Corps Volunteers are recent college graduates, with retirees being another sizeable demographic. It seems that Peace Corps has the most success, attracting people at the very beginning or the very end of their careers. Joining at the age of 31 may not have been normal behavior by those standards, but it's been a great choice for me as an individual.

My service in Romania differs greatly from the environment my father experienced while in Ethiopia.

He taught English and worked on the World Health Organization smallpox eradication program. I am serving in a European Union member-nation, working on a social program funded to increase economic opportunity and employment for persons with disabilities. There is a perception casting Peace Corps service as a two-year volunteer commitment similar to the TV show "Survivor." The truth is, the diverse spectrum of 75 developing nations and emerging markets with active Peace Corps programs sends American volunteers into a wide-range of habitats, both rural and urban.

It is truly fascinating serving in Romania during the 20th anniversary of the end of communist domination in eastern Europe. Evidence of the era can be seen in much, if not most, of the architecture. I currently live in a communist-era bloc apartment build-

ing. This decade, Romania has experienced growth that has in many ways lifted it from a previous state of long-term hopelessness. Of course, Romania has been hit by the global economic crisis like the rest of the world, but not so hard that the progress has been lost.

Within the shortcomings of emerging Romania, you will find the purpose for the Peace Corps presence. As this nation modernizes, there are demographics not participating in the financial emergence.

Working as a PCV with a host organization gives me a small, supporting role in providing economic opportunity to persons with disabilities. It has been the most difficult challenge of my professional life. Some statistics place unemployment for persons with disabilities at 96 percent in Romania (vs. 20 percent in the

US). I gain the most satisfaction in my job through my attempts to change perceptions and expectations. I often tell my colleagues it is only in the last two or three generations that the US has put considerable effort into ensuring opportunities are available to persons with disabilities.

I get asked about once a week, "Why would you want to come here and be away from your family for two years?" Everyone suggests it is uncommon or even abnormal, and maybe they are right. The answer is comforting during my first holiday season away from home: This is a unique opportunity to selflessly contribute to the character of our countries and families.

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Killing thirsty camels is not the solution

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

In Docker River, Australia, government officials have planned to use helicopters to round up 6,000 wild camels and kill them because they are flooding the town in search of water due to an ongoing drought. The camels have flattened fences, destroyed water tanks, and carcasses of already deceased camels could contaminate already present water supplies.

This absolutely disgusts me to the core. After reading this article, I was so irate that I immediately wrote a letter to Animals Australia, an activist group, and expressed my disgust over this decision. I still cannot believe they are going to herd them ten miles outside of town and snipe them off because they are thirsty. The best part about this is they are then going to leave the carcasses out in the desert to decay. Seriously? That is going to be some serious stench going on, especially if it's 6,000 carcasses.

The government is allocating almost fifty thousand dollars to kill them and fix the damage in town. I propose that they instead use that money to transfer the camels to a sanctuary and, in addition, build a better barrier around the town. They just are thirsty, and they have only attacked air conditioning units not people.

I understand that it's a small town and there isn't enough water, but do officials seriously believe that rounding up and killing them off is the best decision? Shooting them by helicopters will cause great distress to the herd and injure some of the camels, not kill. This process won't be quick and painless for them; it is simply the easiest way for the Australian government to wash their hands of these parched camels. It's convenience over compassion, plain and simple.

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Azmeh and Wijertne share their fusion of Eastern and Western music

By Kayla Moore
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, Dec. 2, Syrian clarinetist Kinan Azmeh performed in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Azmeh was accompanied by Sri Lankan pianist, Dinuk Wijertne.

Azmeh played a series of songs from his latest album, titled "Complex Stories, Simple Sounds." The set list featured "After Bela," "November 22," and "This Way Up." Much of Azmeh's songs are based on events of everyday life, like "Airports," which was composed after a long day of hassles after landing in New York.

Azmeh is a graduate of New York's Juilliard School of Music and the High Institute of Music and Damascus University. He has built his way up in the music world as a virtuoso and has made appearances in numerous places including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Carnegie Hall in New York.

Azmeh has performed with musicians like The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. According to Azmeh's biography, he is renowned for being the first Arab to win the premier prize at the

1997 Nicolai Rubinstein International Competition in Moscow.

Azmeh's music is a blend of western and Arabic music, with dashes of contemporary jazz and classical.

"We basically mix a lot of different types of music. I was born in Syria and have that Arabic music background, but I was taught to play classically and have added jazz to my sound. This mixture gives my music a much richer sound," Azmeh said.

Wijertne played a major part in Azmeh's music. Instead of playing piano traditionally, Dinuk would periodically pick the piano's strings or keep beat on the frame of the piano, adding Arabic flavor to a more contemporary piece.

Greatly influenced by jazz music, Azmeh aims for an improvised sound.

"The best music written sounds improvised. There are hidden cues within my music that help with the elements that make my music appear to be improvised," Azmeh said.

The audience was surprised by Azmeh and Wijertne's performance.

"It was unusual and exotic—something I have never heard before," said Karen Baer, a member

of the Salisbury community.

"I was holding my breath, waiting to see what was going to happen next. I found myself tapping my foot to the rhythm and noticed that other people in the au-

dience had the same reaction," said Laura Haviland, a student at Wor-Wic Community College.

Salisbury student musicians were also intrigued by Azmeh's performance.

"It was a good experience. We need more performances like this to show the diversity of playing styles in my specific field," said senior and clarinet player Scott Bunting.



Lorie Liebig photo

Syrian Clarinetist Kinan Azmeh plays a tune during his performance Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



Jules Waxman photo

Jenn Drake poses with her artwork during the opening reception for her show, "Unveiled," at the Student Art Center on Wednesday, Dec. 2.



Dan Anderson photo

Chef Matt Conley teaches students how to roll sushi during a Guerrieri University Center class held in the Gull's Nest on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.



Jules Waxman photo

Adam Goldberger competes in the GUC ping pong tournament on Dec. 1.



Kelly Robinson photo

Amy Sturtevant poses by her art in Cool Beans during the show's reception on Dec. 2.



Lindsay O'Neal photo

Prospective actors read lines at the auditions for the Bobbi Biron Theatre Program's upcoming production of Edward Ravenscroft's "The London Cuckolds." Auditions were held Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6-7.



Kelly Robinson photo

Squawkapella poses at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 4. The group was raising money with "Squawk-vouchers" for an upcoming a capella championship.

"Dance, Romance, Mistletoe and Music" provides musical cheer this holiday season

By Heather Comer
Staff Writer

Although the last weeks of classes are filled with cramming in last minute papers and studying for finals, the end of the semester also marks the beginning of holiday music.

"Dance, Romance, Mistletoe and Music" festival kicked off Sunday with the Salisbury University Choral holiday music festival.

"Music is the major form of expression, especially at Christmas time. One hears holiday music in malls, while filling up at the gas station, and on the radio," said Dr. William Folger, Director of Choral Studies. "Through our presentation of music [to open the festival], we hope to place the community in the holiday spirit." Folger is preparing his seventh Holiday Concert at SU.

"A Celebration of Music" began after a quick change in the program with the Brazilian Hand Jive by the SU World Drumming and Percussion Ensemble. The first piece utilized only body percussion and engaged the audience from the start as Director Ted Nichols encouraged the audience to join in.

The University Choral took center stage next and performed one festive holiday number followed by a wide variety of eclectic pieces.

Continuing holiday festivities will be held in Holloway Hall Auditorium beginning Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. with the Salisbury Pops and the SU a cappella group, Squawkapella.

"I really enjoy performing holiday music because there's so much material to choose from, and we only perform this music once a year," Director Lee Knier said. "I'm especially looking forward to working with Jimmy Hoppa."

Hoppa, a WBOC news anchor, is narrating "The Night Before Christmas" during Tuesday's performance.

The festival returns Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with the SU Jazz Brazz Big Band performing holiday classics such as "Little Drummer Boy." They will also present pieces like "Sugar Train" by Mike Dana and "Flugel Nights" by Mark Taylor.

The festival concludes the evening of Saturday, Dec. 12 with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra's Romantic Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen is



Leslie Davis photo

Dr. William Folger directs members of the University Choral as they sing on Sunday. Sunday's performance was the first of various musical acts which were part of the "Dance, Romance, Mistletoe and Music" festival.

conducting his fifth holiday concert with this performance.

"I usually try to balance the festive music with music that's more serious," Dr. Schoyen said. "After all, we're a University-based ensemble, and we should do a certain amount of traditional repertoire." Dr. Schoyen is looking forward

to Anton Miller's violin concerto since "our soloist is wonderful, and the piece heavenly," Schoyen said. Miller debuted at Carnegie Hall with the New Chamber Orchestra of New York and has since traveled the world as a soloist, chamber musician, recitalist and pedagogue.

Admission to Tuesday's and Thursday's performances are free and open to the public. The concert on Saturday night is free for SU students with a Gull Card, \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for faculty and children 12 years and under. Tickets can be purchased at www.salisbury.edu/ssu.

Fencing Club competes in first competition

By Zachary Parker
Copy Editor

As students relaxed over their Thanksgiving break, Salisbury University's Fencing Club went to their first competition ever.

The SU Fencing Club was

formed last fall; however, it did not become active until this fall.

With the aid of Dr. James S. King of the English Department, the Fencing Club was able to get off the ground. With his help in procuring equipment for new members and his efforts as an advisor and

coach, the club was ready for its first tournament.

Thirty-five fencers from different clubs and divisions met and competed in an attempt to earn a C ranking in foil at the Salle Palasz in Baltimore on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Of the 35, SU Fencing Club sent

five fencers. Among these fencers were three fencers who had never participated in a tournament before. These fencers were juniors Andy Locotos, Caitlin Henney and sophomore Chris Moore. The other two fencers were coach and English professor King, and the club president.

"The tournament at Salle Palasz took place at the Knights of Columbus building in Baltimore. There were two rooms reserved for fencing, with a total of five active pools. Pools are groupings of fencers that determine placement in the tournament before direct elimination rounds. In this case, there were seven fencers per pool. The seven face each other, and then are paired against other fencers in direct elimination rounds.

"It was intense," Moore, the safety officer for the club, said. "It was an interesting experience because we were put up against people of different skill levels. Some were advanced, while some were developing their skills."

The competitors ranged from being new to the sport to having 40 years of experience.

"There were a lot of stuck-up people and a lot of chill, relaxed people," Moore said about his competitors.

"The older [fencers] were helpful and taught us a lot about etiquette and style," Henney said. Henney is new to fencing and picked up the sport at the start of this term.

"It was interesting to meet other fencers who have been doing this a long time," Locotos said. Like Henney, Locotos just picked the sport up. "It was beneficial to get to watch the experienced fencers because we are fairly new to fencing."

"It was a long day, filled with a large amount of matches," Moore said. Each fencer had a minimum of seven matches, which are called bouts. "By the sixth match I could barely feel my legs and I could feel my heart almost beat out of my chest. All in all it was a lot of fun."

"It was a good experience. I had a good time and learned a lot and [I am] ready to do it again," Henney said.

The fencers are planning to go to another tournament at the same venue this upcoming Saturday, Dec. 12.



Submitted photo

Andy Locotos, Caitlin Henney, Zachary Parker, Chris Moore and Dr. James S. King pose together before the tournament at Salle Palasz on Saturday, Nov. 28. These fencers represented SU's Fencing Club at the event.

Meekins family establishes art collection for SU

SALISBURY, MD — The contributions of Eastern Shore artists to the preservation of local heritage will be come part of Salisbury University's Teacher Education and Technology Center, thanks to an ongoing contribution by Dr. Amy Stephens Meekins, former Dorchester County educator and SU faculty emerita, and family.

Dr. Dennis Patancizek, dean of the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, recently accepted a gift for the TETC representing the first in a series of original art work contributions donated by Meekins and family.

The collection, Artists of the Eastern Shore, will provide a legacy of artistic interpretation of life on the Eastern Shore, featuring artists who live on the Shore or whose artwork highlights some element of regional life.

The first gift is an original oil painting by Dr. W. Robert "Bob" Tolley. "53 - Helen Virginia" depicts watermen unloading their catch on the deck of a skipjack oyster dredge boat. It will hang in the reception area of the Seidel School Dean's Office.

Tolley was born, raised and continues to live on the Eastern Shore of

Maryland. Many of his days are spent around the marshes, on the waters and along the shorelines observing, drawing or photographing. Tolley studied formal art and painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art and later earned an Ed.D. Since retiring, he has found more concentrated time to paint. He has produced 20 limited edition prints and over 800 oil paintings, and illustrated two books. Two of his paintings have been printed on clothing for the Audubon Society.

He was the Grand National Waterfowl Association's Artist of the Year for three years. He also co-founded the Dorchester Arts Center and the Dorchester Educators Art Show. He is also a founding member of SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art and helped establish a formal elementary art program in Dorchester County Public Schools. He has taught at SU as an adjunct art instructor.

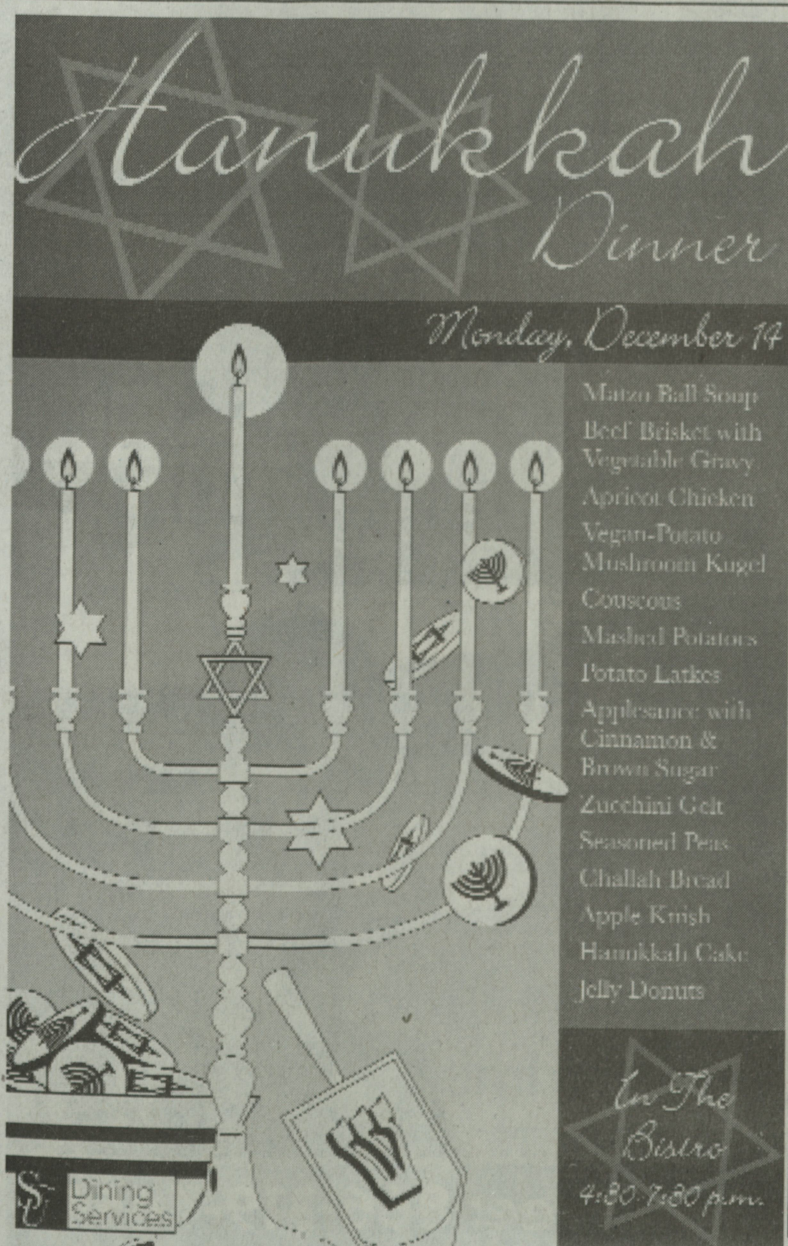
Meekins holds two degrees from SU: a B.S. in elementary education and an M.Ed. After many years as an elementary classroom teacher for Dorchester County Public Schools, she served as that county's first elementary art specialist. She joined the SU faculty in 1989 and taught in the Education and Art departments. Retiring as a full professor in 2004, she

continues to teach part time as a professor emerita.

Meekins' son, R. Matthew Meekins, also has connections to SU, graduating in 2007 with a B.S. in marketing and a B.A. in art. He is currently an admissions counselor at SU.

Meekins worked with Jayme Block, major gifts officer for SU Advancement, to determine a lasting gift to the University that would exemplify both her love for teaching and her interest in art. Following her experience establishing the Artists of the Eastern Shore collection, she encourages any alumnus, faculty member or parent who may be considering a gift to the University to contact Block. "Jayme works with each individual to determine a contribution that is both meaningful and financially feasible," she said.

The Meekins' gift will be spread over the next several years, with an addition to the collection made each semester. Artists work with both Meekins and the Seidel School dean to determine an artistic rendering that meets the goals of the collection and best exemplifies the work of the artist. Artists are paid an honorarium for their work, funded by Meekins. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.



Nabb Center exhibit celebrates the holidays

By Rachael Stone
Staff Writer

The Nabb Research Center began celebrations of the holiday season last Monday with the premiere of their new exhibit titled "An Eastern Shore Holiday: Greetings and Gifts." Held in the Nabb Research Center Gallery, the exhibit displayed the spirit of Christmas through holiday greeting cards, colorful ornaments, and a vast collection of Christmas gifts and toys dating back to the Victorian era. The exhibit presented a changing view of the holiday season and gift giving from 1880-1920.

The first room of the exhibit featured assorted cards ranging from the years of 1895 to 1905. Each greeting was displayed with a caption that provided historical information about the significance of the cards.

"We chose the cards from our collection to feature in the ex-

hibit," said Nabb Research Director Ray Thompson. "The cards give off different emotions, and show what Christmas means to different people and ethnicities," Thompson said.

One of the cards featured a girl carrying a Christmas tree from house to house, which reflected the German custom that later inspired the Christmas tree tradition in America. According to Thompson, Queen Victoria's husband brought over the Christmas tree from Germany to America in 1841, and it was first seen in Virginia.

Another card joined religion and custom, as angels and Santa Claus were illustrated together. "The late Victorians were very emotional people. These postcards show an [alternative] significance about Christmas," Thompson said.

Aside from the postcards, Christmas decorations were stored in glass display cases. Such decorations, like glass icicles and heavy

glass ball ornaments, were first brought to America by German immigrants around 1860. "The Germans excelled in making glass ornaments," Thompson said.

In the second room of the exhibit, a variety of Victorian style novelties and household artifacts including toys, toy trains, furnishings, stuffed animals and dolls were displayed. The purpose of these artifacts was to demonstrate the type of gifts given in the period 1880 to 1920.

The toys and dolls were donated from the Wicomico Historical Society and from personal collections of the Nabb Research Center members volunteers, including Bill Simms, who donated the metal bank toys.

"We recently acquired a wonderful series of children's toys and thought we should show them," Thompson said.

Like the greeting card and ornament displays, the toys were accompanied by information that

described the history and popularity of the toys. Many of the dolls, toy furnishings and stuffed animals were passed on from generation to generation. For instance, teddy bears originated in 1902 and carried on to become a frenzy in the

United States, much like Cabbage Patch Kids in the 1980s and Beanie Babies in the 1990s.

Treats and drinks were available for guests while browsing. The exhibit is free and open to the public until Friday, Dec. 18.



Daniel McFarland photo

Members of the Salisbury community enjoy refreshments during the open house for the Nabb Center's new holiday exhibit.

SU celebrates Kwanzaa

SALISBURY, MD — The community is invited to honor the seven principles of Kwanzaa during Salisbury University's annual Kwanzaa Celebration 4 p.m. Saturday, December 12, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

University Dining Services' annual Kwanzaa dinner follows in the Commons through 7:30 p.m. The menu includes sliced ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, applesauce and gravy, fried chicken, baked pork chops, spinach lasagna, macaroni and

cheese, candied yams, collared greens, green bean casserole, herb dressing, garlic cheese biscuits, chocolate cake, pumpkin pie and pecan pie. Admission to the dinner is \$10.36, \$6.30 for children ages 6-12, free for children ages 5 and under.

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, admission to the program is free. For more information call the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 410-548-4503 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.



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Sigma Tau Gamma brothers taking part in the date auction pose with the event hosts, ZTA President Lisa Kelly and Panhellenic President Ashley Patterson. Friday's event was the fraternity's first-ever date auction.

Going once, going twice, sold at Sigma Tau Gamma date auction

By Hayley Efland
Staff Writer

Fireside Lounge was buzzing with the excitement of bidding wars at Sigma Tau Gamma's first ever date auction. On Friday, Dec. 4, eleven members of Sig Tau were auctioned off and over 70 people turned up to watch. A silent auction was held at 6:45 p.m. and the live auction began at 7:15 p.m.

One of the people up for auction was Pat Gotham, a junior who is double majoring in management and marketing and also the President of SGA and Sig Tau's Vice President of Finance. Gotham, who "stomps the yard like no other but always has time for his best friend — his dog," was auctioned off for a date to the dinner theater production of "Working."

The idea for the date auction was also his vision.

"We needed something that hadn't been done before. I was watching a re-run of a television show

and they had a date auction that raised a lot of money and everyone really got into it so I thought, 'Hey, this is kind of cool,'" Gotham said.

Panhellenic President Ashley Patterson and ZTA President Lisa Kelly hosted the evening, auctioning all of the men off for a minimum bid of \$10. The highest bid went to Sig Tau's VP of Programs, Daniel Baden. Baden is a junior exercise science major, grew up on a cow farm and, "he loves his mom."

"I was nervous at first, I felt like a piece of meat," Baden said. Baden was auctioned off for \$26 for his date on SOAP's New York City trip. "It was a lot of fun. I feel like the man, but also I feel like this date is more valuable than all the others."

Some of the ladies were hesitant to bid, and others were jumping to get in on the action. One enthusiastic bidder, Samantha Koerner, won a date bowling with Brandon Lane.

"I bid on all the guys the minimum value to make sure they all got bid on. I wanted to support the fraternity and to have fun," Koerner said.

The young fraternity began in Spring 2009 with 12 men and has now grown to 28. They need seven more members to get their charter.

"This auction really helps to tell people who we are and what we're all about," said fraternity member Vlad Raina.

Paul Manly, President of Sigma Tau Gamma, is rallying to find more members and promote a positive attitude about his fraternity.

"Sig Tau is all about changing the perspective that people have on fraternities. We want to be better than the stereotype people associate with fraternities while striving to become better men," he said.

The auction raised \$220, the proceeds of which will be split between cancer research and funding for Sig Tau.

Madrigal dinner to enchant Salisbury

By Diana Dwyer
Staff Writer

Salisbury University will host its second annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, in the Bistro of The Commons.

Last year, the dinner sold out and won the National Association of College and University Food Service's Horton Award for Catering.

Attendees will receive the opportunity to view performances by the SU Chamber Choir conducted by "Sir" William Folger,

along with the Recorder Consort, String Ensemble, the Herald Brass conducted by Lee Knier, and SU Theatre and Dance students. Jesters, a knight in full armor from the Maryland Renaissance Festival, and a few other surprises will entertain guests during the authentic five-course dining experience.

"It's a magical evening," said June Krell-Salgado, director of Cultural Affairs. "We're changing it up in different ways this year."

This year, the dinner features hearty breads, gingerbread slices, and cheese spread for bread. The

selected soup is roasted butternut squash soup with candied pecans. The audience will enjoy fish during an elaborate "fantasy fish" presentation.

The fish course will feature flounder stuffed with spinach and a three-cheese trio, topped with white wine béchamel and served with white and wild rice with crabs.

The fourth course will be a "hunter's platter." This platter features pork, beef and turkey medallions, topped with tri-colored peppercorn sauce and served with haricots verts with bacon,

red peppers, carrots, turnips, and parsnips. Black forest cherry torte will be served for dessert. Red and white wine will also be available for purchase by glass or bottle from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The night is centered on Lord and Lady Merrick and their court. Each course will be presented by royal servants and announced with fanfare.

"It's one of the largest artistic collaborative efforts on campus," Krell-Salgado said. The Madrigal Dinner is sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Office, the Department of Music, the Department

of Theatre and Dance and University Dining Services.

The back of the program also reminds diners to "Mind Your Renaissance Manners," listing rules from the era like "No spitting across the table," and "No breaking of the wind (if necessary, cover the sound with a cough)."

Tickets are sold based on a seating chart for \$30, \$45 and \$50. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Information Desk of the Guerrieri University Center.

"Anyone and everyone is invited," Krell-Salgado said.

What's Cooking? Recipes for a tight budget

By Michael Piorunski
Staff Writer

In about two weeks classes will have ended, and the stress from tests, projects and papers will be a memory.

As the semester comes to a close, begin to think of the people who have impacted your life in some way throughout the past three-and-a-half months. It might be someone new you met in a class, a professor who has helped you or whose class you have enjoyed, or even someone — or several people — who you have known before, but with which you have recently developed a more enduring bond or relationship.

In any case, these memories you will carry with you for years to come, and — like your best memories from childhood — will make you smile and laugh and will serve as a reminder of the people who have made meaningful differences in your life.

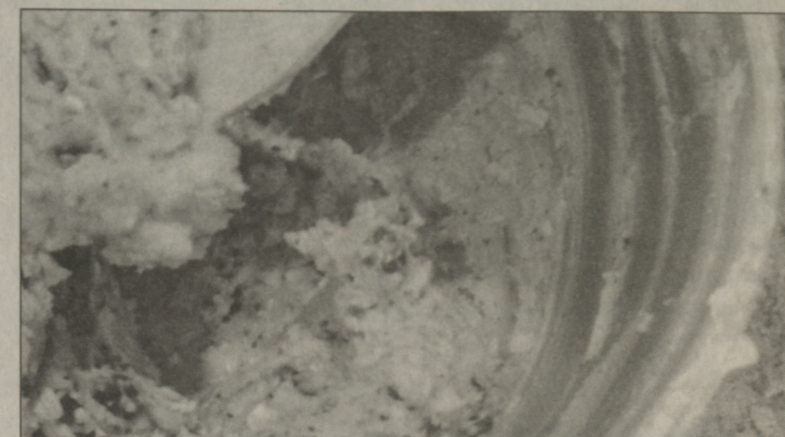
With those who have made a difference in your life, along with the approaching frigid winter temperatures and coming holiday season, think about how you can make a meaningful and lasting contribution to the

lives and memories of the vulnerable and less fortunate members of our community.

Volunteering at a soup kitchen, donating a gift to an organization serving underprivileged youth, giving unwanted clothing and blankets to a homeless shelter or donating non-perishable food items to a food-drive are only a few ways one can impact the life of someone in need. Throughout this — or any — holiday season the gift of service to support another member of the community is the most enduring gift one can give.

This week's recipe is all about revisiting old memories and making new ones. Cookies remind me of childhood winters when my neighbors would help my mom and we would make and consume what seemed to be endless amounts of holiday cookies. We would make sugar cookies, chocolate chip cookies, snicker-doodles

and meringue cookies among others. These cranberry chocolate chip cookies are an easy way to step up into the world of baking and homemade cookies. Bake up a batch of these cookies to put a smile on the face of someone who has put a smile on yours at some point this year.



Michael Piorunski photo

Cranberry Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups All-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 4 – 6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small mixing bowl combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cocoa powder. Use a whisk or fork to sift and combine completely. In a separate mixing bowl whip the butter until light and fluffy in texture. Next add the sugar and vanilla extract and continue to whip the butter. After sugar is incorporated with the butter add the egg and combine. After all of the 'wet' ingredients are combined add the 'dry' ingredients or the flour mixture in 2 to 3 batches. When all of the wet ingredients and dry ingredients have been fully com-

bined add the cranberries and chocolate chips. Continue to combine the batter for an additional minute or so to evenly distribute the chocolate chips and cranberries throughout.

Using two spoons (one to scoop the cookie dough, the other the scraper the batter off the spoon) scoop out 1 to 1 1/2 inch portions of dough onto a clean, un-greased cookie-sheet. Space the unbaked dough portions about 3 inches apart on the cookie-sheet, as the cookies will spread as they bake.

Bake cookies for 10 – 12 minutes or until the bottom of the cookies are golden brown. Let cool on a rack or a flat dish or plate lined with a paper towel. Makes about 18 cookies.

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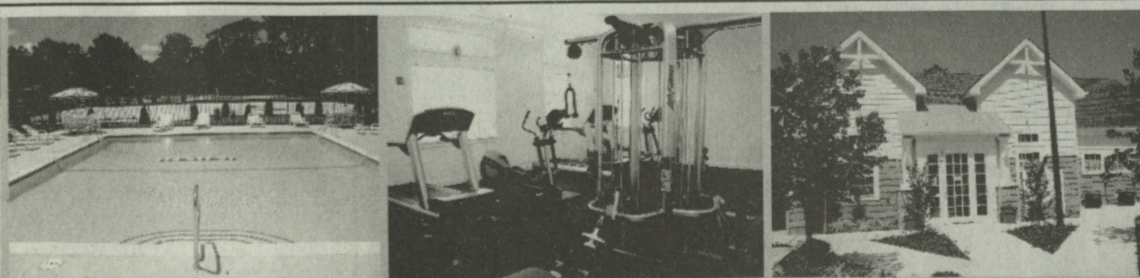
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Sea Gulls rebound from home opener loss to win Optimist Classic

By Brian Joiner
Staff Writer

In their opening home game, the men's basketball team lost to Capital Athletic Conference opponent Hood College 71-61. Playing in front of a crowd close to 300, the Gulls were unable to pull off a win at the Mags Physical Activities Center Wednesday night as the Blazers (3-3, 1-0 CAC) led going into halftime by four points and were able to win the game with a 10 point lead by the final buzzer.

"We need to be more aggressive defensively and be ready to play solid team defense more consistently," Head Coach Steve Holmes said.

Senior guard Greg Palmer scored

12 points and sophomore forward Mike Maczko recorded his first double-double after scoring 14 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

"I think we all learned that we can't take plays off and we have to play hard every possession," Maczko said.

However, despite the loss, the team remained optimistic.

"I am excited about the season starting because of all the work we have put in at practice and the games are an opportunity and a test to see what we really are capable of," Maczko said.

Holmes noted the potential on the team.

"I still feel real confident that we have enough talent to compete

night in and night out. We just need to keep working hard and playing together," he said.

The Sea Gulls were granted the opportunity to redeem themselves and prove to their home crowd they could compete when Salisbury hosted the Optimist Classic Tournament over the weekend.

SU opened the tournament with a dominating performance against Methodist University Saturday night, defeating the Monarchs 87-75. In the first half, Salisbury was able to get ahead when senior guard Devin Jones sunk eight points over a course of three minutes, recording eleven points overall by the half. The Sea Gulls led 42-33 at the break. Salisbury soared in the second half, going on a 16-1 run to seal the win. Jones and Palmer finished the game with 21 points while Palmer had eight rebounds.

"We definitely learned from that loss to Hood and played together for the entire forty minutes," Jones said.

Prior to the Gulls' victory over Methodist, Hampden-Sydney College defeated Ramapo College 87-78. Salisbury would face Hampden-Sydney Sunday afternoon for the championship in front of the home crowd.

The Sea Gulls knew they had a challenge going into the championship tournament game Sunday, but they proved to themselves and to the home crowd just how competitive they are as they defeated Hampden-Sydney 68-62 to win the tournament.

It was not an easy game, and both



Dan Anderson photo

Senior guard Devin Jones drives past a Hood College defender on Wednesday night. In Salisbury's home opener, Jones scored 11 points.

teams showed they wanted the title. In just over the first ten minutes of the game, both teams shot from beyond the arch a combined nineteen times. Salisbury went 7-9 in 3-pointers over that time with Palmer making four of those attempts. Jones went 2-3 from the outside and scored 10 points in the first half.

Salisbury (3-3) led by 21 points during the game but saw that lead slowly dissipate when the Tigers went on a 14-0 run. The Gulls re-

sponded by stepping up their defense long enough to seal the win and take the tournament championship.

Palmer finished with an outstanding 88 percent 3-point shooting average (7-for-8), recording 25 points and seven rebounds. This tremendous performance earned him the honor of All-Tournament MVP as the Salisbury men's basketball team bounced back to .500 for the season. Jones was also named to the All-Tournament team.



Athletics photo

The men's basketball team celebrates after defeating Hampden-Sydney College 68-62 on Sunday to claim the Optimist Classic championship.

The conference dust has settled and the BCS picture is clear

By Fred Hobbs
Staff Writer

Championship weekend began Thursday night in the Pac 10 as Oregon and Oregon State squared off. In a seesaw game, the Ducks stretched out the Beavers in the fourth quarter to pull out a 37-33 win. The win propels Oregon into the BCS, where they will face No. 7 Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

The Big East championship was decided by just one point as No. 5 Cincinnati took on No. 15 Pittsburgh in a game that came down to the final minute. On Cincinnati's final drive, quarterback Tony Pike threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Armon Binns with 33 seconds left, erasing a three-touchdown deficit. The victory gives Cincinnati their second straight Big East championship and completes their perfect season with a BCS berth to play Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

In the ACC Championship, Clemson's Heisman hopeful C.J. Spiller battled Georgia Tech with 301 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns as Tech's multiple player rushing attack racked up 333 rushing yards and three touchdowns. In the end it was Georgia Tech who pulled out the hard-fought victory, giving the Yellow Jackets the ACC crown and launching them into a BCS bowl game where they will meet Iowa in the Orange Bowl.

In the Big 12, the undefeated Texas Longhorns looked to add to their perfect record in the conference championship against Nebraska. The game was a defensive struggle as Nebraska's defense hounded quarterback Colt McCoy, forcing three interceptions that put the Cornhuskers up 12-10 with a minute and a half left in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Nebraska kicker Adi Kunalic kicked the ball out of bounds, setting the Longhorns up with great field position. McCoy then found wide receiver Jordan Shipley for a 19-yard gain and kicker Hunter Lawrence iced the game with a 46-yard field goal. The Longhorns stormed the field as they outlasted the Cornhuskers 13-12 and earned a trip to the National Championship.

In the main event, the SEC championship, top dogs No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Alabama squared off for a chance to play for the BCS title. Florida has been the number one team all year and Alabama has been patiently waiting for a rematch of last year's championship in which

the Gators defeated Alabama after leading in the fourth quarter.

Alabama running back Mark Ingram ran with the opportunity as he led the Crimson Tide over the Gators defense, totaling 113 rushing yards and three touchdowns. In surprisingly blowout fashion, Alabama dominated Florida, beating the Gators 32-12, de-crowning the champs, and crushing their 22-game winning streak.

This win guarantees Alabama a BCS National Championship game birth against new No. 2 Texas. Undeclared underdogs Boise State and TCU will meet in the Fiesta Bowl. This is the first time in BCS history that two small programs were selected for the BCS.

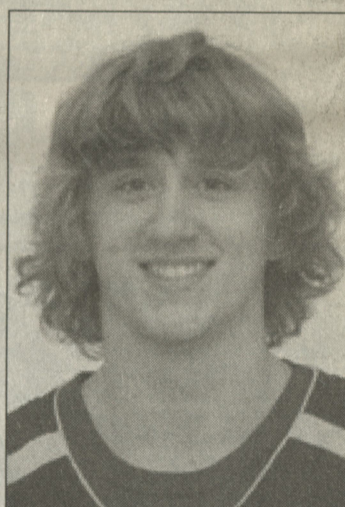


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The Alabama Crimson Tide celebrate winning the 2009 SEC Championship after blowing out Tim Tebow and No. 1 Florida 32-12.

Athlete Spotlight

Mike Maczko



Mike Maczko

By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

Sophomore forward Mike Maczko scored 11 points and added 15 rebounds in two games to help Salisbury (3-3) win the Optimist Classic over the weekend. The Bel Air, Md. native recently sat down with The Flyer.

How long have you been playing basketball?
"I've been playing basketball probably since I was 4. It's a huge part of my life."

Who was your favorite basketball player growing up?
Do you still look up to this player?
"My favorite basketball player growing up was Larry Bird. And I still do look up to him."

What did you learn from watching him? How has his game affected yours?
"Watching Larry Bird's games taught me a lot, knowing where the ball is going to be on a missed shot, how to get your teammates involved, just learning how to be a smart basketball player in general."

How would you rate your game now?
"I still I have a lot of things to improve on and I know I can still get a lot better. But overall, I think my game is coming together pretty well."

I know it's early, but what's your take on the season so far?
"My take on the season so far is that when we're playing smart and hard on a consistent level, we can definitely be at the top of our conference come tournament time."

You guys have size and talent this year; how good do you think you guys can become during the stretch of the season?
"I think we can be real good during the stretch of the season. We all just need to come together and sacrifice ourselves to the team and the game."

Outside of basketball, what are your other interests?
"I like to hang out with my friends, play poker, Xbox, normal stuff just like everyone else."

What's life looking like after your collegiate career is through?
"I'd like to test my game overseas and see what I can do professionally. If not, I would like to open my own business and just be happy."

Finally, is LeBron going to be a Knick or a Laker after this season?

"LeBron is more than likely going to be a Knick after this season. Lakers have it all right now, plus I don't think there is enough room for Kobe and LeBron on the same court for a whole season."

Handballs ruin the beautiful game

By Brian Lomax
Staff Writer

Soccer is called the beautiful game. The game where entire countries shut down because the national team is playing. It's the game in which tears of joy and sadness can flow in the same span of 90 minutes. It's beautiful because soccer is a lot like life. Sometimes you catch a break, and sometimes you can be just plain unlucky.

Thierry Henry will go down as a legend of the great game of soccer. But his latest moment for France will go down in infamy in France's match against Ireland for the chance to compete in next summer's World Cup in South Africa.

The reality is that Ireland had completely outplayed the French over both legs. Even someone who

had never seen the game played could tell you that. Robbie Keane put Ireland ahead in the first half and throughout the game you just had the feeling that Ireland was really going to knock off perennial world power France. The score was tied one-one on aggregate, and the game was going to extra time. Penalties awaited both sides if nobody could score again. And then it happened.

A ball into Thierry Henry went just a bit too far for the striker to reach, and out of instinct, he reached out his hand to stop it. The crowd howled and Irish players immediately looked to the ref, everyone expecting play to be stopped. But it wasn't. Williams Gallas placed Henry's handball into the net, and an entire country fell silent as France erupted in celebration. Two-One France. One country was going to the World

Cup, one country was wondering what could have been.

Handballs have and always will be a part of the game of soccer. Diego Maradona will always be remembered for two things during his playing career. He was an amazing striker for Argentina and he produced the "Hand of God," where he used his hand to score a goal during the 1986 World Cup. For Maradona, it doesn't matter because he's loved by most even to this day. For Henry, history probably won't be as kind because everyone knows that Ireland was the better side.

FIFA has already told the Irish that they will not take part in the World Cup, and it's not fair if we're being honest. Blatant cheating should not be allowed to take place, and yet it continues. Michael Platini, the current UEFA president, has spoken out by saying Ire-

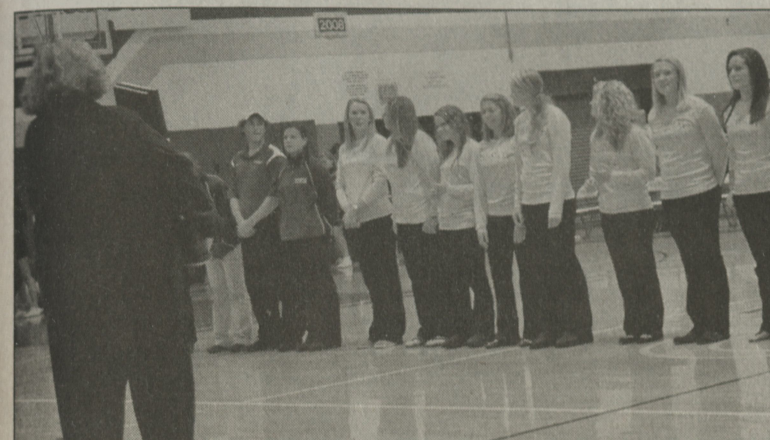
land cannot play in the Cup. It's no coincidence that Platini is French. If soccer is going to continue to produce such emotion and passion, it must eliminate cheating

from the game. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and soccer is in the hearts of many. Cheating cannot be allowed to ruin that.



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France star Thierry Henry uses his hand to deflect an overplayed ball to his foot, which would eliminate Ireland from the 2010 World Cup.

Ceremony celebrates SU's national champion field hockey team



Dan Anderson photos



SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach congratulated the field hockey team on winning the Division III National Championship during half-time of the men's basketball game on Dec. 2.

New Jersey Nets off to worst start in NBA history

By Tom Watson
Sports Editor

The New Jersey Nets officially recorded the worst start to a season in NBA history after falling to the Dallas Mavericks and former Net Jason Kidd 117-101 to 'improve' their record to 0-18.

New Jersey, who appeared in the 2002 NBA Finals, breaks the record held by both the expansion Miami Heat in 1988-89 and the LA Clippers during the 1999 lockout season. Wednesday's loss is the lowest point since the Nets had to trade Julius Erving to the Philadelphia 76ers over a contract dispute.

New Jersey began the season with a loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves, who, now 3-17, are the second worst team in basketball, ahead of only the Nets.

After the loss to Minnesota, New Jersey fell fast, losing their next 16 games, only five of which were by single digits. The seventeenth straight loss came against the league's defending champion LA Lakers, 106-87, tying the Nets for the worst start to a season in NBA history, 0-17.

The Nets score the fewest points-per-game in the NBA (87.6), have the lowest field-goal percentage in the league (41 percent), and give up 15.9 turnovers per game, the fifth most in basketball.

New Jersey has a roster full of talent with guard Devin Harris, who averaged over 21 PPG and nearly seven assists last season, and Rafer Alston, a premier guard for both the playoff Houston Rockets and last year's Eastern Conference champion Orlando Magic. Starting center Brooke Lopez is averaging 18 PPG and nearly nine rebounds and second-year shooting guard Chris Douglas-Roberts averages 16.9 PPG and five rebounds.

The pieces seem to be in place for at least a two-game winning streak but after finally clinching their first victory of the season against the Charlotte Hornets 97-91, New Jersey fell to 1-19 at the hands of the infamously bad New York Knicks (6-15), 107-96, scoring just 36 points in the first half.

In the Garden State it appears the rest of this season's excitement will hinge on trying to avoid the tri-fecta of setting the record for the longest losing streak (23 by the 1995-96 Vancouver Grizzlies and 1997-98 Denver Nuggets) or the worst record in a single season (9-73 by the 1972-73 76ers).

The only bright spot for the Nets is that they have the eighth highest team free throw percentage (77.3 percent) but unless they can get to the line every possession, the outlook is bleak.

The Center for Student Achievement's
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Rebekah Maclean-Blevins

Hometown: Westminster, MD

Class Status: Senior

GPA: 4.0

Advice for new students:

"Don't procrastinate. Stay on track with assignments and papers. Find a quiet place with no distractions and give yourself a few days to study not just a few hours." Rebekah also recommends using a planner to stay organized and to prioritize time by academics first, jobs second, extracurriculars third, and then everything else.

Rebekah was nominated by Dr. Kashi Khazeh and Jamie Holmes-Kruger for her "superb work ethic" and "ability to balance her academic and extracurricular activities."

After graduation, Rebekah will start a full-time position with Fannie Mae in August and intends to go back to school to work on her MBA after a few years of experience in the financial industry.



CONGRATULATIONS!

SU men's and women's swim teams split second tri-meet of the season

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

The Salisbury men's and women's swim teams faced their second tri-meet of the season at York College on Friday, Dec. 4. Both teams battled Goucher College as well as Capital Athletic Conference opponent York. The Sea Gull men's and women's teams split the meet with both defeating the Gophers before losing to the Spartans.

The meet against York was the first CAC competition since the end of October, said Head Coach Jill Stephenson.

"We talked about York during practices," she said. "We needed to get into Conference mode again."

The men had several top six finishers and ended the meet beating Goucher 125-77. Among the top swimmers was junior Joe Wisda, who earned second place in the 100-yard freestyle and freshman

Paul Zoli, who came in third place in the same event. Despite fast swimming from the men's team, Stephenson knew York College would be a tough team to beat.

"We knew York had a strong team," she said. "But we swam really well and stepped up to the challenge."

Junior Tim Metcalf and the rest of his team entered the meet with a good mindset.

"I felt confident we could do some damage. Even though we lost, we gave it our full effort," Metcalf said.

The women's team ended the day with four top finishes in the pool and defeated Goucher 148-56. The Sea Gulls earned first place in the 200-yard medley and senior Jessica Krauss and freshman Sarah Ault took gold in their individual events.

Krauss out-swam her competitors in the 100-yard breaststroke by almost three seconds, ending in a time of 1:11.77. The first place

position was taken by Ault in the 100-yard butterfly where she earned a time of 1:02.35. Behind her was junior Katy Turner in second with a time of 1:03.47. Sophomore Katie Fitzenreiter crushed the competition in the 1,000-yard freestyle by a full fourteen seconds ahead of the second-place finisher and ended in 11:27.10.

"We were hoping for a win against York from the women, but it wasn't looking good on paper," Stephenson said.

The Sea Gulls will come home for several weeks before they begin training hard for the rest of the season. Throughout SU's Winter term, both teams will practice twice a day to get ready for the CAC Championships, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14, 2010.

Their next meet and last remaining home meet of the season is planned for Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. against CAC opponent Hood College.



Daniel McFarland photo

Guard Glen Charlton gets open against Hamilton College in the Optimist Classic on Friday. The Gulls lost that game but beat TCNJ.

Young team equals success for women's basketball

By Alexis Howard
Staff Writer

On Wednesday the Salisbury University women's basketball team defeated Hood College by a score of 68-65 in what was both Salisbury's home-opener and the first conference game of the season.

In the first half, Salisbury led by a score of 31-26. Even though the Blazers outscored the Gulls 39-37 in the second half of the game, the Gulls came out ahead overall.

Senior forward Kylie Hall scored 17 points for the Gulls and led the team in total rebounds with 15 while sophomore guard Glen Charlton scored a team-high 23 points.

"It's the first conference game so we want to take this win and carry it on. For the games in the future, we want to play to our utmost potential," said Charlton. "I didn't show that much tonight, but I have good teammates. I trust them," she said.

Head coach Charisse Mapp, in her third season at the helm, summed up her team's performance.

"We persevered enough to come out with a victory tonight, but I don't think we were very sharp. I think we were sluggish in a lot of areas and we look like we are a very young team," Coach Mapp said.

On Friday, in the first round of

the Salisbury Optimist Classic Tournament, held in the Maggs Gymnasium, the Gulls faced Hamilton College. Also in the tournament were the College of New Jersey, Lehman College and Frostburg State.

Senior forward Janay Johnson led the team in scoring in the first half and finished the game with 13 points. Hall once again led her team with 10 rebounds but it was not enough as the Sea Gulls lost their first game of the season in a close match, 56-54, to the Continentals.

On Saturday, the Gulls then took on the College of New Jersey and snatched their fourth win of the season with a score of 53-49.

Although both teams played a very physical game, the Gulls went into halftime down 25-16. Johnson and Hall each netted eight points in the first 20 minutes of the game.

The Gulls' comeback in the second half was led by Hall, who scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Charlton tied the game at 32 each with 13 minutes left in the game. Johnson then gave the Gulls the lead and the team put on a 14-0 run propelling the team to victory.

Johnson also garnered the honor of being selected to the All-Classic Team.

The Gulls will play their next game away at St. Mary's on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.



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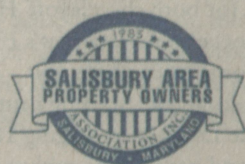
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